

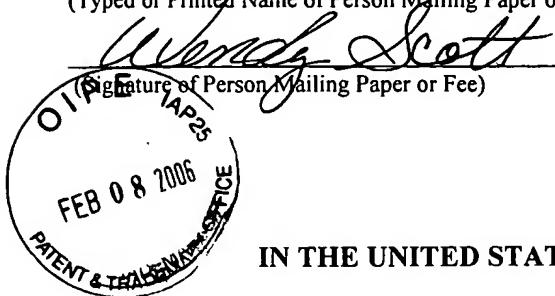
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PATENT APPLICATION  
Attorney Docket No. NMTC-0770

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PATENT APPLICATION OF )  
Kevin D. MacLean et al. ) Examiner: Alhija, Saif A.  
Serial No. 10/098,714 ) ) Group Art Unit: 2128  
Filing Date: 15 March 2002 ) )  
Title: USING A SUGGESTED SOLUTION TO )  
SPEED UP A PROCESS FOR SIMULATING )  
AND CORRECTING AN INTEGRATED )  
CIRCUIT LAYOUT )

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Mail Stop: Non-Fee Amendment  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced U. S. patent application, transmitted herewith are the following papers:

- Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to official action mailed 23 December 2005.
- A petition for extension of time is also enclosed with a fee of \$55.00 for a one-month extension for a small entity.
- Terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c), including
  - check for \$110.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d), and
  - 2 certificates under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).
- Information disclosure statement, form 1449 and \_\_\_ references.
- No additional claims fees are required.

An additional fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

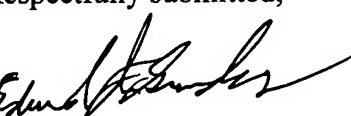
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	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDTL FEE
Total Claims		MINUS = 20	0	x \$18 =	
Independent Claims		MINUS = 3	0	x \$78 =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$260.00					
Total Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					\$0.00

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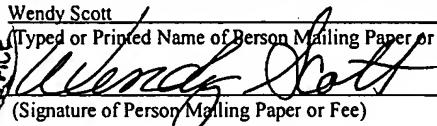
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#### **AMENDMENT**

Sir

In response to the office action of **23 December 2005**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.